

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON ITS CENTENNIAL

#### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of its Centennial National Day on October 10, 2011, I wish to extend to the Republic of China (Taiwan) my sincerest congratulations and best wishes.

Taiwan has been a staunch ally of the United States and demonstrates that friendship in myriad ways, ranging from the healthy trade relationship we share to education and even popular culture. For example, Taiwan regularly sends its agricultural procurement mission to purchase U.S. products. Taiwan's mission, currently visiting the United States, plans to purchase more than \$5.6 billion in wheat, corn, soybean and other agricultural products. For its defense needs, Taiwan seeks to purchase advanced weapons from us, including F-16s fighters and possibly submarines in the future. Further, our Taiwanese friends have long appreciated many facets of U.S. culture, to include our system of education, our democratic values and even our regional culinary traditions. We return that admiration in kind and are proud to share so many cultural and political values with the people of Taiwan.

The Republic of China is a shining example of a democratic, open society in the region. The advancements and development achieved over the last century are laudable and, for these reasons, I offer heartfelt congratulations on this very special occasion.

### WEST CHESTER B. REED HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966—VETERANS OF U.S. ARMED FORCES

#### HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor graduates of West Chester B. Reed Henderson High School Class of 1966 whom served in our Armed Forces. These individuals served the United States honorably and proudly and I commend their service. The following are the names of those individuals:

Charles B. Spadoni. 1st Lieutenant. Army  
Jon H. Barber. Lieutenant Colonel. Army  
Raymond C. Carr. E-4 PFC. National Guard  
Stephen C. Cottrell. E-4 Sgt. Air Force  
Maria Cottrell. Sergeant. Air Force  
Brad Johnson. 2nd Class Quartermaster. Navy  
David E. Haring. E-5 Sergeant. Army

S. Kurt Hettel. E-7 Specialist. USA Reserve  
Ronald F. Hoopes. E-4 Specialist. Army  
Gary V. Jamison. E-4 3rd Class Petty Officer. Navy

Harry C. Jamison III. E-5 Specialist. Army  
Ernst W. Jordan, Jr. E-4 Petty Officer 3rd Class. Navy

Walter S. Mitchell. E-4 Specialist. Army  
W. Eric Pederson. Lieutenant Colonel. Army  
Arnold S. Hughes. Army

Thomas D. Rodgers. E-4 Petty Officer. Navy

David A. Salvesson. Lieutenant Commander. Navy

George M. Smith. E-4 Specialist. Army  
Frederick W. Waldbuesser. E-4 Specialist  
Harry J. Cabot. E-4. Air Force  
Joseph R. Skovrinski. E-5 2nd Class Petty Officer. Navy

Nicholas Ranalli. E-5 Sergeant. Army  
Robert J. Dehaven. E-5 2nd Class Petty Officer. Navy

Ernst Tallington. Sergeant. Air Force  
John J. Higham. E-5 Specialist. Army  
Clifford R. Angry. E-5 Sergeant. Air Force  
Terry Neilon. Colonel. Army

### IN HONOR OF MR. JACOB NASH

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Jacob Nash who is being awarded the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Freedom Award at the Cleveland Stonewall Democrats' Freedom Fund Reception on September 26, 2011.

The Cleveland Stonewall Democrats is one of more than ninety chapters of the National Stonewall Democrats throughout the country. They are a grassroots movement devoted to securing equal rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Mr. Nash earned a Masters in Psychology, specializing in diversity management, from Cleveland State University. For the past decade, he has worked as an independent trainer and consultant specialist in transgender and diversity issues. He has trained politicians, social workers and medical professionals on caring for and respecting transgender people. Mr. Nash is currently working for the Ohio Department of Children and Family Services and previously worked as the Executive Director for Transfamily of Cleveland.

Mr. Nash became an active activist in 2002, after fighting for and winning the right to marry Erin. Over the past several years, Mr. Nash has traveled across the Midwest speaking with legislators regarding civil rights legislation. He has worked closely with the cities of Cleveland and Akron as they developed their 2009 non-discrimination policies. Mr. Nash is also active

with Equality Ohio, TransOhio, the LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland, Human Rights Campaign, the National Center for Transgender Equality and the Cleveland Stonewall Democrats.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mr. Jacob Nash on the occasion of being honored with the Cleveland Stonewall Democrats' Stephanie Tubbs Jones Freedom Award.

### TRANSPARENCY IN REGULATORY ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS OF THE NATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

#### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2401) to require analyses of the cumulative and incremental impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes:

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Chair, I'm deeply disappointed that once again we're voting on a bill designed to cripple the Environmental Protection Agency—the agency tasked with protecting our environment and our health.

This bill, the Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation, TRAIN, Act blocks and indefinitely delays two of the most important clean air regulations of the last few decades—the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, and the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule.

These rules require decades-old coal-fired power plants with no modern pollution controls to install readily available technology, reducing cancer-causing dioxins, acid gases and mercury.

Mercury pollution from power plants is particularly harmful for children and can adversely affect developing brains and bodies. Nevertheless, the bill before us expands and deregulates mercury pollution.

The American Lung Association has highlighted the importance of the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards Rule:

The rule closes a toxic loophole that has existed for 20 years by updating standards to protect Americans all across the country from hazardous air pollution. Without these standards, toxic pollution will continue filling our lungs and more people will suffer—and even die—unnecessarily.

TRAIN Act will create a Train Wreck that will pollute our air and put lives at risk. Ironically, the bill also creates exactly what the majority says they want to get rid of—a new bureaucratic layer to analyze only the cost of EPA regulations while ignoring critical, life-saving benefits.

This legislation is a waste of taxpayer money and I urge my colleagues to vote against it.

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